

Approved Minutes
Utah Charter School Finance Authority
October 17, 2014

Members of the Authority present:

Richard Ellis (Chair of Authority, Utah State Treasurer)
Phil Dean (Governor's Office of Management and Budget)
Bruce D. Williams (Secretary of Authority, Utah State Office of Education)

Others Present:

David Damschen (Deputy Utah State Treasurer)
Danny Schoenfeld (Utah State Office of Education)
Preston Olsen (Ballard Spahr)
Tom Koehler (Good Foundations Academy)
Linda Crawford (Utah Division of Purchasing)
Monty Hardy (Red Apple Financial)
Brian Baker (Zions Bank Public Finance)
Jacob Carlton (Ballard Spahr)
Jared Van Orden (Good Foundations Academy)
Peggy Downs (Good Foundations Academy)
Greg Misener (Verapath Global Investments)
Clint Biesinger (Verapath Global Investments)
Mary Cannon (Early Light Academy)
Reed Chadwick (Early Light Academy)

Brandon Pond (Chapman and Cutler)
Bryce Pettey (Attorney General's Office)

The meeting was called to order by Richard Ellis at 2:07.

Items of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Phil Dean to approve the minutes of the Authority's August 27, 2014 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2014-7

Mr. Baker discussed his report to the Authority regarding Early Light Academy's financing application, emphasizing that the school is seeking a "regular conduit issuance" and is *not* applying for eligibility under the state's Credit Enhancement Program. The proposed financing is for just under \$6 million to build a second building and expand enrollment in all (K-9) grades. Mr. Baker discussed the school's financial forecasts, waitlist, operations, enrollment, location and its curricular focus.

Method of sale, underwriter selection and contractor selection were also discussed. Mr. Olsen presented the bond resolution. Members of the Authority board discussed several questions pertaining to the school's financing application, the target sale date, and the bond resolution.

Motion was made by Bruce Williams to approve Resolution 2014-7. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2014-8

Mr. Baker discussed his report to the Authority regarding Good Foundations Academy's financing application. The proposed \$6 million financing will permit the school to acquire its current facility (the school is leasing a facility previously operated as a private school) and to add 4,000 square feet to the current facilities for a band room and library. Mr. Baker discussed waiting list, and mentioned that the transaction is to be a direct placement to the Tax Free Fund of Utah with a short (3 year) call. He also discussed debt service coverage measures and the school's curricular focus.

Mr. Pond presented the bond resolution. Members of the Authority board discussed several questions pertaining to the bond resolution.

Motion was made by Phil Dean to approve Resolution 2014-8. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion

Procurement of financial services by charter schools. The board discussed procurement processes for selection of bond counsel, trustee, underwriter, and other financial services. The board discussed the possibility of having information pertaining to procurements administered by applicant charter schools disclosed as part of their financing applications, as well as the benefits of providing charter schools with model RFPs and other tools to assist them with the process. Mr. Williams emphasized the particular importance of these issues as they pertain to enhanced deals. Ms. Crawford discussed the ways in which she has and can continue to assist with charter school procurement issues.

Motion was made by Bruce Williams to adjourn.